



I have in... already manifested, ..
being the seat 'of *Limsie's* Barony, I mean in that
place called *Albottle* (about a mile distant from
Southill Northwards) though there be now so
little memory thereof, that were it not for some
grounds, lying adjacent to a petty Hamlet called
Diton, which yet retaining the name of *Dullet-*
ley, gave me occasion of farther search, I should
have been at a great losse for the discovery thereof:
but looking well thereabouts, and making diligent
enquiry of the Inhabitants, I found a large Moat,
containing within it at least an Acre, whereon
they say a Castle long since was situate, though
now nothing be left thereof (a parcell of old Oaks
growing where the buildings stood) which tradi-
tion hath the more colour of truth, forasmuch as
there is a Lane, near at hand, bearing the name
of *Castle lane*. Some of the neighbourhood do call
this *Hoggs moat*, which I conceive is intended *O-*
dingsells moat, but by corrupt pronuntiation now
...; for I have seen ...
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Hob's Moat Project

Langley Secondary School in association
with the Curriculum Support Team

Monday 16th January - All second year pupils will visit the Hob's Moat Archaeological site for which STURDY FOOTWEAR will be required. A short tour of the site will be given by the Archaeologist.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

All second year pupils will spend Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th January off their normal timetable working on projects associated with the site and investigating medieval themes leading from it.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE COMPUTER

Using data collected by the archaeologists at Hob's Moat, with the help of computers, to draw charts and plans of the site, in the hope of making some 'discoveries'.

LOCAL HISTORY

An investigation into aspects of the History of Solihull in the Middle Ages using documents and making other local visits.

GEOGRAPHICAL CROSS-SECTIONAL MODEL-MAKING

Using the contour map produced by the archaeologists to build a three dimensional model of the moat.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Interviewing residents and Officers of the Council to investigate the future role of the site as a Borough amenity.

A DAY IN THE LIFE...

...of medieval folk. Researching the lifestyle of people - rich and poor - in the 13th century.

HERALDRY

Researching, making and hanging banners and shields of medieval arms.

MEDIEVAL MUSIC

Making medieval music or musical instrument (for those who can play an orchestral instrument or the recorder).

MODEL MAKING AND MEASUREMENT

Measuring the site, setting up a computer data-base, and representing the site using artwork and model making.

MEDICINES AND COSMETICS

How medieval people looked after their health and beauty - with some experiments.

MEDIEVAL TABLEAU

- Dance and Movement
- Role Play
- Drama in a medieval street
- costume making
- food preparation.

Tuesday 24th January - static display in the Hall
of work produced, followed by a presentation
to an invited audience in the afternoon.

Front cover: Sir William Dugdale's description
of Hob's Moat in his book "Antiquities of
Warwickshire" published in the year 1656.